population is about 24% based on life insurance business in the form of only individual policies. In addition to this, LIC have 2.42 crores of members covered under the Group and Superannuation Schemes. Besides, they also operate Social Security Schemes covering the Landless Agricultural Labourers and other weaker sections of the society.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Expenditure incurred on Joint Coastal Patrolling by Maharashtra Government

1560. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from the Government of Maharashtra regarding reimbursement of expenditure incurred on account of joint Coastal patrolling;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken/proposed thereon;

(c) the amount sought to be reimbursed by the State Government and reaction of the Central Government thereto; and

(d) Since how long the proposal is pending consideration of the Central Government and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) The Government of Maharashtra had claimed from the Government of India, the reimbursement of expenditure incurred by the former on joint Coastal Patrolling in 1993-94 and 1994-95 under the Coastal Surveillance Scheme amounting to Rs. 6,19,11,000/-. After processing the claims in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government sanction for Rs. 474.14 lakhs as special financial assistance to the Government of Maharashtra for financing the Coastal Surveillance Scheme in 1993-94 was issued in March, 1995. No claims are pending with the Government of India, for reimbursement of the expenditure to Government of Maharashtra on this account.

Fixation of responsibility for loss of textiles cartons by Air India Staff

1561. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India have fixed responsibility of their staff and officers who were responsible for the loss of eight cartons of valuable textile for which a compensation of about rupees five lakhs was awarded by the National Commission for Consumer Protection to the complainant in Shobha Global Vs. Air India (original petition No. 256 of 1993 decided on 23rd February, 1995);

(b) if so, the names and designations of those held responsible for the loss to Air India and whether the loss incurred has been recovered from them;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Air India to ensure that such cases do not recur?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The loss of eight cartons of textile, was reported to the local police. The police are investigating.

(d) Air India is taking steps to strengthen security arrangements to combat pilferage.

Construction of new Airports in States

1562. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals received during the last three years from different State Governments for construction of new airports;

(b) the action initiated by the Central Government thereon; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Karnataka Government have proposed setting up of a new airport at Devanahalli near Bangalore and also at Mangalore. The Kerala Government have proposed development of a new airport at Nedumbassery. Both the Governments referred

to above have been allowed to develop airports with private participation. There are other proposals such as Androth in Lakshadweep Islands, Tura in Meghalaya, Lengpui in Mizoram, Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh, Shirdi and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, Kargil and Kishtwar in Jammu & Kashmir, Kundli in Haryana, Phillaur in Punjab and Ajmer in Rajasthan. As regards Androth, Tura and Lengpui airports, funds have been placed with the respective State Governments. At Itanagar and Phillaur, suitable sites have not yet been identified by the State Governments. As regards Shirdi, Kishtwar and Ajmer, the respective State Governments have been requested to acquire the land. Work at Kargil airport has commenced in September, 1995. Government of Maharashtra has been suggested to consider constructing an airport on 'Build Own Operate' (BOO) basis at Sindhudurg. The proposal of the Haryana Government for an airport at Kundli, has not been accepted.

Report of Censor Board on Vulgar Programmes shown by Foreign TV Network

1563. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High Court of Delhi directed the Censor Board to keep a strict watch over the vulgar programmes shown by the foreign TV network and to submit a report by 6th December, 1995;

(b) if so, whether the Censor Board kept a watch over the foreign TV network programmes and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Censor Board has submitted its report to the High Court of Delhi and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The Delhi High Court ordered on 28.9.95 that the Central Board of Film Certification will monitor the films, episodes, serials and commercial advertising films telecast on various channels and submit a report to the court as to whether they have not found any of them to be vulgar, offensive etc. Accordingly, the Board monitored inter alia, the programmes on foreign channels. The report of the Board is yet to be submitted to the Court.

Complaint against NIFT Officials

1564. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report captioned "Brutal regime wrecks NIFT girl" which appeared in the Indian Express dated 26th July 1995;

(b) whether it is a fact that the complaints from the parents of the girl to the officials of NIFT were not entertained, if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the action Government have taken against the officials concerned; and

(d) what is the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government constituted a two members high level Enquiry Committee to look into the facts of the case and indicate responsibility wherever found necessary and, also to make recommendations to ensure that no ragging of students takes place in the premises of National Institute of Fashion Technology in future.

As per the finding of the Committee the alleged incident of ragging could not be corroborated.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Power Shortage in Western Region

1565. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Western parts of the country like Maharashtra and other States are facing acute power shortage and power failures which is adversely affecting the common man and the trade and industry;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken or proposed to take to end the power shortage in Maharashtra and other States of Western India?